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June 24, 2010

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO  
ACCEPT LETTERS OF ALLOCATION FROM THE CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

This is to notify you that I am exercising delegated authority approved by your Board on June 19, 2007, to accept forthcoming California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Letters of Allocation (LOA), to support the Department of Public Health (DPH) Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) program and the Black Infant Health (BIH) program for three consecutive years beginning fiscal year (FY) 2007-08 through FY 2009-10 at the levels of funding noted below, contingent upon review by County Counsel, Chief Executive Office (CEO), and notification to your Board.

Since 1981, DPH's MCAH program activities have been supported by federal Title V, federal Title XIX (Medicaid), State General Funds (SGF), and local funds. The Title V SGF are discretionary funds appropriated in the State budget of each applicable FY. The Title XIX dollars are entitlement funds that are accessed via matching of SGF and local funds to reimburse certain Medi-Cal administrative activities performed during the budget period. Typically the State approves budgets submitted in three-year blocks as part of the Application Funding Agreements (AFA) that account for the planned expenditure of the State appropriated Title V and SGF allocations and forecasted Title XIX revenues.

These funds support DPH MCAH program services which focus on improving health care for women of childbearing age, pregnant, and parenting women, and for children and their families. The BIH program focuses on reducing African American infant mortality.

As a result of the State fiscal crisis, the State MCAH program approved, in practice only, the FY 2007-08 through FY 2009-10 AFA budgets in one-year increments, after invoices from previous FYs had been approved for payment. The revised AFAs were submitted after the late passage of the FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 State budgets that contained mid-year reductions and line-item vetoes of MCAH and BIH SGFs. These events created

a backlog of invoice and AFA approvals at the State that delayed the delivery of funding notices for FY 2007-08 through FY 2009-10 until 2009 and 2010, respectively.

DPH worked closely with the State to ensure that MCAH and BIH spending during the FY 2007-08 through FY 2009-10 periods did not exceed the actual allocations. In addition, DPH was able to mitigate the loss of SGFs by eliminating vacant personnel line-items from the MCAH budget and through the award of First 5 funds for the BIH program.

Under this delegation of authority, DPH will accept a total of \$14,101,735 from CDPH. Below are the individual amounts for each year:

- LOA Number 2007-19 in the amount of \$5,244,581 for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, comprised of allocations of \$3,394,981 to the MCAH program and \$1,849,600 to the BIH program;
- LOA Number 2008-19 in the amount of \$4,871,651 for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, comprised of allocations of \$2,980,884 to the MCAH program and \$1,890,767 to the BIH program; and
- LOA Number 2009-19 in the amount of \$3,985,503 for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, comprised of allocations of \$2,603,015 to the MCAH program and \$1,382,488 to the BIH program.

County Counsel and the CEO have reviewed and approved the LOAs as to form.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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